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Man found with knife on Parliament Hill

SECURITY

Parliamentary Protective Service took man to custody



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

The Mounties arrested a man carrying a hidden knife outside the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, as security forces remain on high alert following the recent deadly terror attacks in Paris and Beirut.

The Parliamentary Protective Service apprehended the man outside Centre Block and took him into custody, RCMP Cpl. Valerie Thibodeau said Tuesday evening.

Charges were pending as of early Tuesday evening, and the investigation is ongoing.

It was unclear whether the investigation was terrorism-related.

There were no available details on the alleged knife's size or type. Under the Criminal Code, a knife with a blade that opens automatically by gravity, force or the push of a button is considered a prohibited weapon.

Centre Block, which includes the House of Commons, the Senate and the Peace Tower, is a popular destination for tourists visiting Ottawa and many cabinet ministers have offices there.

Security at Centre Block was beefed up after Oct. 22, 2014, when Michael Zehaf-Bibeau stormed the building armed with a knife and a rifle and was killed in a hail of gunfire. Moments earlier, he had shot Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial before getting in a car, driving a short distance and running up the Centre Block

driveway.

The Parliamentary Protective Service, a new RCMP unit, was created in the wake of the attack. It is responsible for security on Parliament Hill and in the Parliamentary Precinct and integrated the House and Senate security services, which had been separate entities.

The federal budget earlier this year included \$39 million



We are being extra vigilant in Canada.

Minister Ralph Goodale

for the newly created security service. New cameras and barriers have also been installed on Parliament Hill.

But members of the public can still walk onto the Hill and up the steps toward

Centre Block before facing any screening, in an effort to preserve the open and welcoming atmosphere of one of the country's hallmark destinations.

Last week's terrorist attacks in Paris, and a foiled bomb plot at a soccer stadium in Hannover, Germany on Tuesday, have put security services in Canada and around the world on edge.

Canada's threat level remained unchanged after the Paris attacks, but Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said in a statement that "we are being extra vigilant in Canada as we continue to monitor the situation in Paris very closely."

"Canadians can be assured that when the security and intelligence sector receives credible warnings on a specific threat, they work with the appropriate partners to ensure the safety of Canadians," he said in the statement.

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ECONOMY

City inks five deals in Beijing

As Ottawa entrepreneurs try to drum up business in China this week, one tech company has already opened doors to a new Beijing office.

Alec Main, CEO of Kanata-based Graphite Software, officially opened the new location on Monday. It happened to coincide with the mayor-led economic trade mission.

In a ceremony at Beijing's equivalent of city hall, Main signed two of Tuesday's five economic agreements. He inked a \$5-million investment deal with non-profit Zhongguancun Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (ZVCA) that will allow him to double his Ottawa workforce, plus another agreement with Chinese mobile vendor Beijing Nation Sky Network Technology.

Invest Ottawa CEO Bruce Lazenby signed the three other deals: two with Zhongguancun Development Group (ZDG), which will allow Invest Ottawa to keep hosting an incubation centre and one with ZVCA to boost domestic and international deals.

These agreements — signed in the presence of two mayors, Beijing's Wang Anshun and Ottawa's Jim Watson — could impress Chinese investors.

"We're trying to convince them that we're important enough to get attention from them," Lazenby said.

The dozen entrepreneurs in Beijing are hoping Watson will be their ticket to more relationship building and, eventually, more deals with Chinese investors.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Chinese smartphone firm named Sens new provider

METRO EXCLUSIVE **Mayor in Asia**

Two-year deal with Huawei includes ads, partnerships



Lucy Scholey
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IN BEIJING

A Chinese smartphone company is looking to boost its brand in Canada through a very

Canadian way — the good old hockey game.

Huawei, which has an office in the National Capital Region, is now the official smartphone provider for the Ottawa Senators team. The company announced the new deal at its massive exhibition centre in Beijing on Tuesday afternoon.

There, Mayor Jim Watson and Huawei Canadian president Sean Yang held up new Sens jerseys, with "Huawei" and "Beijing" splashed on the back.

"This deal helps to solidify the relationship between

Huawei and the city and one of our important businesses — the business of hockey," Watson told Yu Jun, deputy mayor of the Haidian District Government.

Scott Bradley, Huawei's vice-president of corporate affairs, said the company is the third largest smartphone manufacturer (after Apple and Samsung), but lacks a strong consumer base in Canada. The company recently launched its first premium device available in Canadian stores, the Nexus 6P Android phone.

"We think what we're doing

in Ottawa is important to our overall brand in Canada," said Scott Bradley, vice president of corporate affairs in Huawei.

The two-season Huawei-Sens agreement includes rink board and in-game advertising, plus a partnership with the team's Technology in Schools program, which encourages post-secondary students to study science, technology and math.

Watson toured Huawei's Beijing Research and Development facilities with more than a dozen Ottawa business delegates on Tuesday. The entrepreneurs

are looking to impress Chinese investors on this economic trade mission.

Nestled in the high-tech Haidian District, Huawei's Beijing facility is like a French-inspired chateau — pillars, chandeliers and a wide staircase with a red fleur-de-lis carpet rolled out.

Joining more than two dozen Chinese and Ottawa entrepreneurs around a long table, deputy mayor Yu said the Haidian District can further strengthen the relationship between the sister cities of Ottawa and Beijing.



Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson meets with business delegates in the China World Summit Wing hotel on Tuesday. The group is in Beijing on an economic mission to strengthen ties between the sister cities. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

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SUPPORT

South Ottawa associations launch fundraiser for Syrians

Several south Ottawa community associations are again joining forces — this time to help raise funds to support Syrian refugees when they settle in Ottawa.

"We're trying to do our small part," said John Marshall, president of the Canterbury Community Association. "I think it's part of contributing to what Ottawa is."

Ottawans played a key role when Vietnamese refugees came to Canada in the 1970s.

"It seems like we step up as a nation's capital," Marshall said, adding that Syrian refugees will need the support of their new neighbours once

they settle here.

The idea for the community-based joint effort, pitched recently by a Canterbury member, emerged in recent weeks following a successful collaboration among several associations to co-host an Ottawa South federal all-candidates' election forum in October.

Canterbury volunteers reached out to their partners, and the Ottawa South Community Associations for Syrian Refugee fundraising effort was born. "We made a couple of calls, sent out a few emails and they said, 'Yeah, we're on board with that.' So it was very easy," said Marshall.

Rather than directly sponsor a family, the groups are pooling their resources to promote their online campaign.

"What we are doing is facilitating that ... to get some dollars in to help folks when they get here," Marshall said.

Their efforts have already generated \$75 towards their "modest" and initial goal of \$1,000.

Their online link can be accessed through Ottawa United for Refugees — a community initiative and online fundraising campaign launched Oct. 1 through the United Way of Ottawa, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Ottawa, City of Ottawa and Refugee 613, which was also launched the same day to help Ottawans sponsor and donate in support of refugees.

The groups are planning to launch the campaign during a public event by the end of November. The online link to the Ottawa South Community Associations for Syrian Refugee fundraising effort is unitedwayottawa.dntly.com/fundraiser/6146#.

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Families register with police in a refugee centre in Presevo, Serbia, on Monday. Ottawa has a history of helping refugees.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau greets well-wishers as he leaves Rideau Hall following his swearing-in ceremony in Ottawa on Nov. 4. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trudeau's security unlikely to change

POLITICS

Leader should go into crowds less often, expert says

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau should curtail his habit of going out into the crowds, but he probably won't, one expert says.

Last week's terrorist attacks in Paris came frighteningly close to French President Francois Hollande, who was at the soccer stadium when three bombs were detonated outside. One bomber tried to enter the stadium but security stopped him.

"I would guess that all leaders around the world, all of their security details, are looking at this and are ensuring that the security they have in place will answer to these threats," said Larry Busch, a

former Mountie who headed up the RCMP's VIP security section for Ontario.

Trudeau is a tactile politician known for interacting with the public by shaking hands, hugging and taking photos. As prime minister, he has continued those efforts despite the increased security that comes with the job.

Busch, now president of Strategic Security Inc., said he thought even before the Paris attacks that Trudeau should venture out into the crowd less often. "However, regardless of any warnings the security team may have, the prime minister is always going to go about his business and do what he wants to do."

Trudeau, asked on his swearing-in day how to stay in touch

with people as prime minister, told CBC's Peter Mansbridge "it's not a challenge for me. It's a challenge for the RCMP."

"I know that my job is to stay connected to people and represent them well, and serve them well. And you can't do that from ... inside the bubble."

That kind of activity has always been an issue for the Prime Minister's Protective Detail (or PMPD), Busch said. Politicians, by nature, want to interact with people and be seen as accessible. But he said the detail is always aware of any possible threats against the prime minister, and his security coverage won't change as a result of the Paris attacks.

"There is a particular level that his detail operates at, regardless of whether he's in Canada or anywhere else in the world," Busch said. "His security is always of the highest calibre and everything is taken into consideration."

"The only wild card in that is what that prime minister may wish to do, against the wishes of his security team. Therein lies the risk," he said.

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My job is to stay connected to people.
Prime Minister
Justin Trudeau

IMMIGRATION

Refugee goal feasible: Premier

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne says the 10,000 Syrian refugees the province has committed to taking in is "a big number," but there are millions of people in need.

Wynne says she knows some people are making a link between the refugee crisis and last week's terrorist attacks in Paris and in light of that

it's important to confirm Ontario's pledge to settle 10,000 refugees by the end of 2016.

The premier says refugees can be brought to Ontario safely while at the same time making sure security provisions are in place.

Wynne says Ontario will be ready to accept those refugees and is ensuring they will have

housing and services such as language training.

Wynne also spoke about the need to be vigilant to ensure the Paris attacks don't trigger hatred and racism, making particular mention of a fire set at a mosque in Peterborough, Ont., and an attack on a Muslim woman in Toronto.

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Bruce Carson faces the media. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ADRIAN WYLD

COURT

Carson not guilty of influence-peddling

A former top aide to Stephen Harper has been found not guilty of influence-peddling – even though the judge in the case said that Bruce Carson did try to convince government officials to buy water treatment systems being sold by a firm that employed his former escort girlfriend.

But in the end, Carson attempted to influence the wrong people, because those officials had no direct ability to sway First Nations communities to purchase the equipment, Ontario Superior Court Justice Bonnie Warkentin ruled Tuesday.

Carson was charged in connection with his attempts to promote the sale of water purification systems for First Nations communities by a company known as H2O Pros and H2O Global that had hired his former girlfriend, Michele McPherson.

"It is abundantly clear that Mr. Carson was attempting to influence government officials within INAC (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada), cabinet ministers and their staff as well as high ranking members of the AFN (Assembly of First Na-

tions) to promote H2O's water treatment systems," Warkentin said in her ruling.

"Mr. Carson also admitted that he used his influence in this fashion in order to obtain a benefit for his then-girlfriend," she added.

None of that mattered, however, since First Nations communities, and not the government, hold the power to decide whether to buy the water treatment systems the company was selling, Warkentin wrote in her decision.

"The evidence supports the defence position that it was the individual First Nations communities that determined whether or not to purchase the point-of-use systems being sold by H2O."

Carson's lawyer, Patrick McCann, acknowledged during the trial that his client tried to help H2O Pros sell water treatment equipment to indigenous communities.

But he argued there was nothing in law that prohibited Carson from lobbying First Nations communities.

The group Democracy Watch is urging the Crown to appeal the decision. THE CANADIAN PRESS



It was the individual First Nations communities that determined whether or not to purchase the point-of-use systems being sold by H2O.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Bonnie Warkentin

CRIME

Sixth shooting in eight days

Ottawa police are investigating the city's sixth shooting in the last eight days; shots were fired near Gloucester Monday night.

The incident brings the number of confirmed shootings to 37 in 2015.

Police say the recent shootings are targeted and not random, and do not ap-

pear to be linked.

There were two shootings on Nov. 9, two more on Nov. 10, another on Saturday and the sixth on Monday, police say.

No arrests have been made in any of the cases, including Saturday's shooting, which left a 41-year-old man dead.

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Zibi clears a legal hurdle

OMB

Appeal against development dismissed



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The Ontario Municipal Board has released a decision dismissing the appeals against Wind-

mill Development Group's Zibi residential community on Chaudière Island.

OMB chairman Richard Makuch heard the arguments against Zibi in August during a three-day pre-hearing.

The appellants, including renowned architect Douglas Cardinal, argued that the islands were "sacred territory" to local Algonquins and should be restored as parkland in the vision of late Algonquin Elder

William Commanda.

In his decision, Makuch said Zibi and the City of Ottawa had done due diligence in public consultations, including reaching out to First Nations groups.

"The board is satisfied the City and the proponent have both consulted and engaged with the First Nations," he wrote.

He also described Windmill's plan to decontaminate the former Domtar lands, incorporate parkland and allow access

to the ring dam to be "in the public interest."

"It's incorrect to say that the spirit of intent with the Algonquins has been respected," said Cardinal's lawyer, Michael Swinwood. Swinwood said the OMB failed to recognize that many of the "real stakeholders" had not been consulted. He said the process to stop Zibi is not over, and other appeals have been filed in the Ontario Divisional Court.

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POLICE

Muslim woman attacked

An unprovoked attack on a Muslim woman near an elementary school in Toronto appeared to be “motivated by hate,” police said Tuesday.

The assault took place around 3 p.m. on Monday near the mid-town school while a woman was on her way to pick up her son. Police said the woman, who was wearing a hijab, was approached by two men and attacked.

“It was a completely unprovoked attack,” said Const. Victor Kwong. “She was punched all over and kicked.”

The two men hurled slurs that were “bigoted in nature” at the woman and tried to rip off her hijab, Kwong said.

The woman fell to the ground and was robbed of her cellphone and some money before the two men fled the area, he said.

The entire incident was observed by a witness who called police, he said. The woman was taken to hospital to be treated for non-life threatening injuries and has since been released.

Police said they are interviewing witnesses, gathering surveillance video from the area and asking anyone with information to contact them.

“There’s no doubt that this is hate-motivated,” Kwong said, noting that police typically see a spike in such incidents after events like the attacks in Paris.

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has claimed responsibility for terrorist attacks Friday in Paris that killed 129 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Logistics challenge refugee planners

IMMIGRATION

Getting 25,000 Syrians to Canada is a complex task

First came the announcement of the 25,000 Syrian refugees’ fast-tracked arrival in Canada.

Now come the logistics.

Admittedly, there are plenty of problems. Although numbers ramped up recently, the Harper government cut immigration staff and shrank refugee budgets over the past decade, making it more difficult to process thousands of people in the six weeks left until the end of the year. Or even the longer period that has been hinted at.

But consider the sheer logistics of getting 25,000 mainly Arabic-speaking Syrians from Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan to Canada without mishaps, missteps and the numerous setbacks that face even ordinary travellers.

“I was one of those urging caution,” says Howard Adelman, who launched a national campaign in 1979 that



Children play at a settlement on the outskirts of Mafraq, Jordan, in October. Syrian refugees won't be coming to Canada from a single camp. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

brought 60,000 Indochinese “boat people” to Canada in 24 months. But he added, “there was so much enthusiasm that I changed my mind.”

Scott Mullin, labelled the “One-Man Board of Immigration” during the airlift of Viet-

namese refugees from Sham Shui Po refugee camp in Hong Kong, processed thousands of people, sending off a flight every two to three days.

But he said, this operation will be more unpredictable and difficult, because the Syrian refugees won't be coming from a single camp.

Even when they reach the airports, “flying is complicated. There are baggage limits. Women have babies. Elderly people die. And then there’s someone who forgot to add

their nephew to their documentation papers, so you have six people instead of five.”

Military rather than chartered commercial transport may be a less complex way of travel and better equipped for dealing with security problems and emergencies, says Walter Dorn, a professor of defence studies at Royal Military College of Canada. But he warns it’s more expensive by far and military aircraft aren’t outfitted for large numbers of passengers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

When the government is this gutsy and ambitious, I don’t think anybody will care if they’re not all here by Jan. 1.

Howard Adelman, who launched a 1979 campaign

+ HOUSING

Shelter options include gyms, mosques, cottages
Providing refugees shelter from the storm of war is a challenge for cities across the country.

Toronto and Vancouver already have a shortage of affordable housing, and immigrant settlement agencies are scrambling to find enough units for the anticipated arrival of 25,000 Syrians by Jan. 1 — four times the number of government-sponsored refugees who usually arrive in a year.

“We are looking at everything from mosques and synagogues to gyms and schools,” said Chris Friesen, chairman of the Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance, who is based in Vancouver. “If you have a basement suite, an empty summer cottage, a room, anything, please let us know.”

Ontario has said it will accept 10,000 refugees by the end of 2016, while Quebec initially pledged to resettle 6,000.

The terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday have prompted some politicians — including Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall — to question whether the six-week time frame will compromise security screening.

Quebec Municipal Affairs Minister Pierre Moreau said preparing for the influx by the year’s end is too difficult — a notion Premier Philippe Couillard rejected. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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ISIL

More troops to join mission

Canada will deploy more troops to help train local fighters battling Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) extremists as part of Canada’s renewed commitment to the anti-terror fight, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says.

Trudeau confirmed Tuesday what he has been hinting at for several days — that a beefed-up training mission will mark the core of Canada’s changing contribution to the coalition fight against extremists in Iraq and Syria. But Trudeau also warned the battle against the terrorists will “not be a short engagement.”

The additional troops will come as the Liberal government makes good on its election pledge to end the year-long combat mission by CF-18 fighter jets bombing extremist



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. THE CANADIAN PRESS

targets in Iraq and Syria.

Instead, Canada will announce it will commit more soldiers to the training role to enable local militia to take the fight to the extremists and reclaim territory in Iraq lost to ISIL forces.

Talking to reporters on

board a military Airbus en route to the Philippines for the APEC summit, Trudeau said the new military mission is certain to involve more than the 69 Canadian troops already on the ground in northern Iraq, an operation launched more than a year ago to train peshmarga forces.

But just how many more, their exact mission and the timing of the new, larger deployment are all questions that are being looked at, he said.

“We’re looking at a number of options. We’re looking at how we can best be helpful,” Trudeau told journalists.

“Canada has extraordinary Canadian Forces with a wide range of abilities ... but training is something we do very, very well,” he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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IN BRIEF**Republicans seek 'pause' on Syrian resettlement**

Republicans urged an immediate closure of America's borders to Syrian refugees Tuesday, drawing angry denunciations from some Democrats and igniting an emotional debate about U.S. values in the wake of the deadly Paris terror attacks.

"Pause" was the word used by both new House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, both Republicans, urging at least a temporary halt in the resettlement of Syrians and disputing Obama administration claims that the small numbers making their way here so far are being thoroughly investigated.

The administration, however, showed no sign of backing off its plans to bring an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees to the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Attacks, assaults against refugee shelters surging

The number of arson attacks, assaults and other crimes against refugee shelters in Germany has passed 700 this year, according to figures obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press. Data compiled by Germany's federal police showed 715 such crimes between the start of the year and Nov. 16, compared with 199 in all of 2014.

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640

In at least 640 cases of attacks, authorities were able to confirm a far-right motive behind the crimes.



People observe a minute of silence on Monday outside the La Belle Equipe — one of the targeted shooting sites — on Rue de Charonne in the XI arrondissements in Paris. JACQUES DEMARTHON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Café des Anges: A living memorial

Paris Staff regularly traded back and forth with La Belle Equipe



Marco Chown Oved
IN PARIS

A short walk from the public mourning in Place de la République and the bouquets at each shooting site is a café that doesn't appear to have any connection to the November 13th terrorist

attacks.

But if you go past the round tables lined up along the sidewalk and through the blue French doors on the corner, it becomes clear the Café des Anges is a living memorial to its victims.

Five current and former employees as well as six regular customers were killed at La Belle Equipe, an establishment so intertwined with this one that they traded staff back and forth.

More than two dozen friends had gathered there on the fateful evening to celebrate waitress Houda Saadi's 35th birthday. They were sitting on the terrace and bore the brunt of the assault when it came. Many are still in hospital. Eleven didn't make it.

Among the dead are Hodda and her older sister Hamila, 36, bartender Lacrimioava (Lacri) Pop and her partner Ciprian Calciu, waitress Michelli Gil Jaimez, 27, former bartender Guillaume Le Dramp, 33, and regulars Ludovic Boumbas, René Bichon and Hyacinthe Koma.

"Just thinking about it brings back images, very graphic images," said Café des Anges's manager Virgile Grunberg.

One invitee showed up late and found police tape and carnage where the party was supposed to be. A pair of brothers dragged their dying sisters from the chaos and desperately performed CPR as they waited for help to arrive.

I spent most of the day with Grunberg and his staff and watched them put on a brave face as the lunchtime rush arrived. They poured coffee, cleared tables and hauled cases of wine up from the basement, all while stopping to chat with those who came by to pay their respects, and greeting regulars with a hug instead of the customary bisous.

"We are all very close, the staff, the customers," Grunberg said. "This is a neighbourhood café. People come everyday and they tend to spend a lot of time here. We're all part of each other's lives."

Axel, a bartender, put it more succinctly: "we're family."

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EUROPE

Activists urge open borders

Europe must resist the urge to seal its borders to refugees and asylum seekers in the wake of the deadly attacks in Paris last week, Amnesty International said today.

The human rights group is calling for safe, legal routes for the refugees to reach Europe and efficient screening processes to allow them to stay.

"Giving in to fear in the wake of the atrocious attacks on Paris will not protect anyone," John Dalhuisen, Amnesty's director for Europe and Central Asia, said in a statement.

"The numbers fleeing persecution and conflict have not gone away, nor has their entitlement to protection. In the wake of this tragedy, the failure to extend solidarity to people seeking shelter in Europe, often after fleeing the very same kind of violence, would be a cowardly abdication of responsibility and a tragic victory for terror over humanity."

Irregular arrivals into the European Union totaled about 500,000 in September alone, compared to 280,000 in all of last year, Amnesty said in "Fear and Fences: Europe's Approach to Keeping Refugees at Bay."

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A refugee crossing the Greek-Macedonian with his belongings on Nov. 17.

GETTY IMAGES

FRANCE

French police continue hunt

France's defence minister says 10 French fighter jets are carrying out new airstrikes on Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group targets in Syria.

Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian says the jets have carried out new raids Tuesday evening. Speaking on TF1 TV, the French defence minister said France will have 36 fighter jets in the region capable of carrying out airstrikes on ISIL targets once the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier reaches the zone. The carrier embarks

+ MOSCOW

A sombre President Vladimir Putin ordered the Russian missile cruiser Moskva, currently in the Mediterranean, to start co-operating with the French military on operations in Syria.

from Toulon on Thursday.

Meanwhile, French police are hunting for a second fugitive directly involved in the deadly Paris attacks, officials

said Tuesday, as France made an unprecedented demand that its European Union allies support its military action against the ISIL group.

French and Belgian police were already looking for a key suspect, 26-year-old Salah Abdeslam, whose suicide-bomber brother, Brahim, died in the attacks Friday night that killed at least 129 people and left over 350 wounded in Paris. ISIL militants have claimed responsibility for the carnage.

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French warplanes are shown bombing operational sites at the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's Syria stronghold Raqqa. Tuesday marked France's third consecutive day of airstrikes against jihadists. AFP PHOTO/ ECPAD/EMA

SOCCER

Bomb threat cancels match

The friendly soccer game between Germany and the Netherlands was cancelled at short notice due to the serious threat of an attack at the stadium on Tuesday.

"We had concrete evidence that someone wanted to set off an explosive device in the stadium," Hannover police chief Volker Kluwe told German TV.

Lower Saxony Interior Minister Boris Pistorius said no explosives had been found by then, and no arrests had been made.

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Fight for breakfast dollars

RESTAURANTS

Rivals try to lure customers from Tims

Doug Fisher tries to steer clear of fast food for breakfast, but once in a while the president of food service consultancy firm FHG International Inc. in Toronto has one of Starbucks' decadent egg sandwiches.

"Breakfast is a hot item, and it's an open market," he says.

The giants are locked in a battle for your breakfast business. Fisher says they're all trying to lure you away from top player Tim Hortons which has over half the morning market share among "quick service" chains. McDonald's has been



McDonald's Egg McMuffin
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the most successful at stealing market share from Tims with its wildly popular coffee and McCafé offerings, Fisher says.

Most of the giants have launched new breakfast menu items recently.

They range from so-called healthy fast food to trad-

itional, higher-calorie fare, says marketing professor Ken Wong at the Smith School of Business at Queen's University. The Egg McMuffin, which was introduced in Canada in 1976, is still among the lightest menu items at 290 calories. Tim Hortons offers some brekkie sandwiches under 300 calories. At the other end of the scale, Burger King's Enormous Omelette Sandwich weighs in at 750 calories. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Heavy freighter canoes able to withstand stormy weather are used by those who live in Peawanuck to travel the river. The river banks serve as the community's dock. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DIAMOND EXPLORATION

De Beers seeking First Nation support

An exploration team from De Beers Canada was expected to be in northern Ontario's remote Weenusk First Nation on Tuesday, to seek community support to conduct diamond exploration work.

Weenusk First Nation, or Peawanuck, is a small community of nearly 400 people, 1,400 kilometres north of Toronto, on the shores of the Winisk River.

The Cree community is divided on whether or not they support mining in their ecologically sensitive and undisturbed traditional lands. Many live off the land, fishing and hunting caribou. They are concerned about the consequences of mining development.

De Beers is one of the world's largest diamond mine companies, operating with its partners in 20 countries across five continents. Each year, the company pulls 600,000 carats of diamonds out of the Victor Diamond Mine, 90 kilometres west of Attawapiskat First Nation. But the Victor Mine nears the end of its life span in four years.

De Beers is now looking for

fresh sources for diamonds. Northern Ontario is believed to be rife with many precious resources that have been difficult to mine for a number of reasons — including ecological sensitivity of the land, remoteness and the need for First Nations agreement.

De Beers currently has a \$1-billion infrastructure investment at the Victor Mine and it hopes to expand on

that by opening Tango, an extension mine seven kilometres away. Tango's environmental assessment is still ongoing.

Weenusk band councillor Georgina Pepan said she is not

going to the meeting on Tuesday. "I have already said what I had to say and I'm not interested in mining," said Pepan, she added the chief will also not be in attendance as he is out of town.

"What really bugs me is that mining in Attawapiskat will be done in four years but look at the community — it is still struggling. People are still living in sheds. The community is still in poor state," Pepan said.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Hate-crime headlines and anti-immigrant sentiment don't completely describe this country. There are 35 million people in Canada. And the vast majority of them are not attacking Muslims right now.



A few things have happened to Farheen Khan since terrorists attacked Paris.

Yesterday, as she was getting ready to leave her house, her mother told her to make sure she called, to say that she's safe.

In the wake of hate crimes against Canadian Muslims, there's "fear, that we need to be careful," said Khan, a Mississauga writer, community activist, former NDP candidate in the last election and a Muslim who wears a hijab.

Then later yesterday, gasping up her car, an elderly man was watching her intently. "It looked like he wanted to say something." But instead he offered a deep, heartfelt smile. Khan sensed he "wanted to say I'm sorry that you're going through this."

You might think Islamophobia is sweeping this country: A Molotov cocktail tossed into a Peterborough mosque; a Toronto woman attacked in what police are calling a crime "motivated by hate;" a misguided woman with a sign on her lawn asking Muslims if they're sorry for what their "brothers" did in Paris.

More than 60,000 have signed a petition to slow Canada's acceptance of Syrian refugees. Saskatchewan's premier and Quebec City's mayor are both questioning the Liberals' plan — to offer a new home to 25,000 Syrians fleeing their country's civil war.

The hate-motivated crimes are "heinous and tragic," Khan said. But they have also lead to examples of support, like the Peterborough mosque. "You see the community rally

together and try to raise money for this mosque." Loud voices support Canada's refugee commitments, too.

Islamophobia in Canada has peaks and lulls. Like after 9/11, we're in a peak,



(ISIL) have nothing to do with the average Canadian Muslim, or the average Muslim, period.

Farheen Khan

Khan said.

"There needs to be a distinction. In a lot of people's minds we need to be able to create that sense that, you know what, an extremist group — they're an organ-

ized crime agency, they have nothing to do with the average Muslim Canadian or the average Muslim, period."

Khan added that clearly, education must continue.

"The last 10 years that we've been under the Harper Conservatives really added fuel to the fire. We've gone a little backwards."

We'll see if the new tone of the Liberals helps change things, Khan said. And she agreed with me that hate-crime headlines and anti-immigrant sentiment don't completely describe this country.

There are 35 million people in Canada. And the vast majority of them aren't attacking Muslims right now.

When we give in to fear and bigotry, the extremists win



Michael Coren
For Metro

I am currently in London, England, and the ripples from the Paris massacre are still being felt in this enormous city. It was all the more biting for me as our eldest daughter lives in Paris. Thank God she's okay, but one of her friends was shot in the arm. Proximity and love make it all so grotesquely real.

So, however, do the responses; especially when they are thoughtless, reactionary and soaked in rhetoric.

The mood here is that if we are to defeat these gargoyles of immorality, we must maintain our cultural superiority. And that culture consists of tolerance, religious pluralism, gay and women's rights, the rule of law and the acceptance of the stranger. To compromise on this would be to allow ISIL to win.

Yet within moments of the attack, not only social media but mainstream newspapers were calling not just for severe responses against ISIL — which is entirely justified — but warning against anybody perceived as a

threat. Namely: Muslims and migrants.

The truth, however, is that the overwhelming majority of Muslims not only detest ISIL but are its first victims. As for migrants, the very reason many of them are fleeing is to escape Islamist barbarism. That feeling is strong in London, but I'm not so sure it's the case across the Atlantic.

As for increasing the military campaign against the terror group — and perhaps we have to do so — we should also remember that it was the Gulf War, the western coalition's invasion of Saddam's Iraq, that destabilized the region and led to the very anarchy we now see. If you doubt me, think back to the situation before that campaign took place.

So the West is hardly free of blame in all this, and to now see armchair warriors writing bellicose columns is nauseating. Every time we make a sweeping statement about Islam, call on borders to be closed or call for migrants to be treated like potential terrorists, we play into the hands of ISIL and empower the very people we claim to oppose.

I have written an entire book about the persecution of Christians by Islamic extremists, and am not some naive fool who doesn't understand how the Muslim faith can be twisted. But I also know true Islam and true Muslim people.

As a submachine-gun-carrying British cop said to me just hours after the massacre, "These bastards have to be stopped." His name was Mohammad.

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Charlie Sheen on life with HIV

THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Actor reveals diagnosis to end extortion, reduce stigma

Former Two and a Half Men star Charlie Sheen has HIV.

In an interview Tuesday on NBC's Today, the 50-year-old

actor said he tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS about four years ago, but that, thanks to a rigorous drug regimen, he's healthy.

When asked by co-host Matt Lauer if he had transmitted the disease to others, he declared, "Impossible. Impossible," and insisted he had informed every sexual partner of his condition beforehand.

Since his diagnosis, he has

had unprotected sex with only two partners, he said, adding, with no further clarification, "They were under the care of my doctor and they were completely warned ahead of time."

He said one reason for going public with his condition was to put a stop to shakedowns from prostitutes and others who

threatened to out him.

He said one prostitute took a photo of the HIV-related drugs in his medicine cabinet and threatened to sell that photo to the tabloids.

He said he had paid "enough to bring it into the millions" — perhaps as much as \$10 million — to buy their silence and now was seeking to "put a stop to this barrage of attacks and sub-truths."

"Are you still paying these people?" Lauer asked him.

"Not after today I'm not," said Sheen, who during his appearance appeared jumpy and spoke in stuttering bursts.

Asked by Lauer if he expected "a barrage of lawsuits" from past sexual partners alleging he infected them, he said wanly, "I'm sure that's next."

With his public pronouncement, Sheen said he hoped to

reduce the stigma and shame still felt by some others diagnosed with HIV, as well as by those who are reluctant to be tested in the first place.

"I have a responsibility now to better myself and to help a lot of other people," he said. "And hopefully with what we're doing today, others may come forward and say, 'Thanks, Charlie, for kicking the door open!'"

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WHAT TO KNOW

AIDS activists react

Three Toronto social workers talked about what they hope people will take away from the Sheen's HIV-positive reveal.

DO

...practice what you tweet

"People are much more willing to talk about HIV and show compassion and that's incredible," says Murray Jose-Boerbridge, executive director of the Toronto People with AIDS Foundation. "The next hurdle there is to actually take that to action."

...start treatment right away

"What we're hearing ...is it's really important to start your treatment right away when you find out," says Jocelyn Watchorn, the AIDS Committee of Toronto's director of support services.

...disclose to your children at your own pace

Sheen spoke about coming clean to his 31-year-old daughter Cassandra. "It's helpful when the parents themselves have done a lot of work in terms of their own acceptance of HIV," says Nicci Stein, executive director of the Teresa Group, which advocates for children and families affected by HIV and AIDS.

DON'T

...talk about HIV like it's a karmic punishment

"People always think, 'I'm not that kind of person, therefore I'm fine'," Stein says. "There's such a wide variety of people who are living with HIV through all sorts of circumstances."

...assume Sheen represents all HIV-positive people

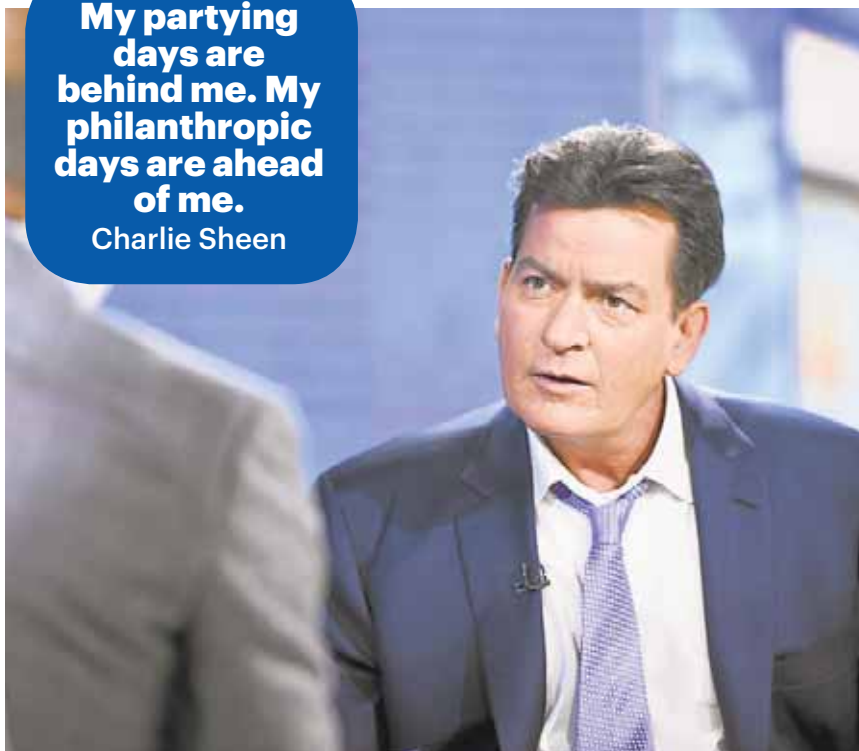
"I'd hate to see discussion or resources move to follow the trend of a star. The vast majority of people living with HIV continue to be gay men or other individuals who are experiencing societal gaps," says Jose-Boerbridge.

...underestimate the value of a celebrity ally

"He has the capacity and he certainly has the following to actually raise provocative conversation," Jose-Boerbridge says. "To actually challenge people to really think."

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My partying days are behind me. My philanthropic days are ahead of me.
Charlie Sheen



Charlie Sheen in an interview Tuesday said he tested positive four years ago for the virus that causes AIDS. NBC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOME FACTS ABOUT HIV

- Cocktails of powerful medications have turned HIV into a manageable chronic disease for many people who can afford them. Those drugs also reduce the amount of HIV virus circulating in the body, what's called the "viral load," often to undetectable levels. That, in turn, reduces their chance of transmitting HIV to sexual partners, one reason that health officials urge early treatment.

- There is no vaccine. Condoms if used consistently and correctly are highly effective at preventing sexual transmission. Also, a daily pill sometimes is prescribed for healthy people to help prevent them from becoming infected by partners who have the virus, something called "pre-exposure prophylaxis" or PrEP. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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QUICK RECIPES

Try these fun dishes that are perfect for busy families

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



We're going to tell you the one thing that is certain to make your life easier. And you're likely going to be surprised that it's a kitchen appliance. However, if you need to get meals on the table for your family everyday, without fail, then a slow cooker is truly your savior.

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Here are three of our favourite slow cooker dishes you can get on the table this week.

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DINNER BUTTER CHICKEN

You won't believe how good the house smells when you come through the door to this healthy recipe that doesn't actually use a drop of butter but delivers double on creamy and rich flavour.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 6 hours

Ingredients

- 2 lb chicken thighs or breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 or 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 tsp minced ginger
- 147 ml tube of tomato paste
- 1 heaping Tbsp curry
- 1 x 400 ml coconut milk
- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 Tbsp coconut oil
- small handful of cilantro for garnish

LUNCH CHICKEN CHILI TACOS

If your family doesn't already have a taco day then you'll definitely want to start the tradition with this juicy and tender chicken dish.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 6 hours

Ingredients

- 6 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 1/4 cups prepared pico de gallo or salsa
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 tsp cumin seeds, lightly toasted
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 12 taco shells

Directions

1. Place the chicken, pico de gallo or salsa, lime juice and cumin seeds in a slow cooker and stir to combine. Cover and cook on low for 6 hours.
2. Allow to cool a bit. Scoop the chicken out with a big slotted spoon and place it in a large bowl. Use two forks to pull the meat apart. The chicken will shred easily. Stir in some cooking juices from the pot and add the cilantro.
3. Place the shredded chicken, your taco shells and desired fixings on the table and let everyone put together their own perfect taco.



Let your family to their tacos with their favourite ingredients. This recipe serves four. MAYA VISNYEI



This recipe serves eight. MAYA VISNYEI

antro for garnish

Directions

1. Put everything in the slow cooker and stir it all around.
2. Close the lid. Set the timer

for 6 hours. Don't worry if you need to be away from home for 8 hours or longer — it will be OK.

3. Serve with a big spoonful of jasmine rice and a sprinkling of cilantro.

BREAKFAST PB AND BANANA SANDWICH OATMEAL

This morning bowl of oats is like your favourite childhood flavours all rolled together in one bowl.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 8 hours

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups steel cut oats
- 2 cups almond milk
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup water
- 1 Tbsp flax meal
- 1 Tbsp chia seeds
- 1 tsp real vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/3 cup chunky or smooth peanut butter
- 1 ripe banana, sliced
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

Directions

1. Add oats, almond milk, milk, water, flax meal, chia seeds, vanilla extract, salt and peanut butter into your slow cooker. Give it all a stir with a whisk to break up the peanut butter.



This recipe serves four. MAYA VISNYEI

2. Arrange banana slices across the top. Drizzle with honey and then sprinkle the brown sugar. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours.

3. In the morning, scoop oatmeal out of slow cooker, pour in splash of almond milk and garnish with toasted, sliced almonds and some shredded coconut.

LIQUID ASSETS A NEW WAY TO LOOK AT FRANCE'S BEAUJOLAIS

With word that the 2015 harvest in France's Beaujolais produced fruit worthy of classic vintage status; tomorrow's release of the region's Nouveau wines might just turn into, well, an event.

The first juice pressed from French vineyards, Nouveau had its heyday back in the late '70s when wine-makers would race to be the first to unveil their wines at Parisian bistros.

While it still gets the spotlight in Europe, North American snobs complain that Nouveau wines are too expensive and as flimsy as a cheap shower curtain. Always up for a glass of wine

on a cold November night, I've kept a more open palate when approaching Nouveau. At an average price of \$14, those made with the hand-picked grapes from the broader Beaujolais appella-

tion cost about as much as an average Aussie Shiraz. Joseph Drouhin's 2015 Beaujolais-Villages Nouveau (\$15.95-\$18.99) comes from the vineyards surrounding a smaller group of villages.

Loaded with red berry fruit; like all Nouveau it shines brightest after a slight chill. PETER ROCKWELL/ FOR METRO CANADA



El Vy more than a National holiday

SIDE PROJECTS

Frontman makes funky anti-funk in free time

Clearly, Matt Berninger has different ideas of relaxation than most.

When the National frontman finally ended 18 months of relentless touring behind that beloved Cincinnati indie-rock outfit's album *Trouble Will Find Me*, he immediately kicked off his holiday by starting a new band and making a new record.

Well, not that new. Berninger and longtime friend Brent Knopf (of Ramona Falls and Menomena notoriety) have been covertly working for five years on pop tunes gathered on their debut album as El Vy, *Back to the Moon*.

They didn't know exactly what they were working on, but this time last year they decided that it was too good not to finish.

"There was no pressure attached to it or schedule attached to it and that's why it kind of stayed a joy the whole time," says Berninger from Los Angeles.

Those songs are considerably



Brent Knopf of Ramona Falls and Menomena and Matt Berninger of the National are El Vy. HANDOUT

more whimsical, loose-limbed and funky — albeit in a nerdy, almost anti-funk manner — than National fans are used to, although Berninger's dark wit is intact in the lyrics.

He might be the "name" in

the band, but he's completely deferred to producer/multi-instrumentalist Knopf's quirks on the instrumental side.

Both audibly appear to be enjoying the process on *Return to the Moon*; the album splat-

ters the wall with everything from disco to Krautrock to doleful piano balladry during its 11 tracks. There's even a half-serious "accidental concept" linking the tunes — but even the author urges you not to probe

too deeply. El Vy basically just did everything at once for the hell of it.

"I've been learning to enjoy making records much more than I used to," says Berninger. "It used to be hard. It was a struggle. I

loved it, but I was filled with anxiety. It's still hard and it's still a struggle, but the anxiety is gone."


Berninger and Knopf are taking El Vy on the road for a short tour — Berninger promises a four-piece band and "no lasers, but the next best thing to lasers" — and then it's right back to work on the next National record for him.

Apparently, it's sufficiently under way that the band is already making plans to debut the songs live next spring or summer to road-test them before recording.


"You'll probably hear a lot of new National material next year, but it'll all be from really sh-y iPhone recordings," says Berninger dryly, stressing that El Vy should not be misconstrued as an "escape" from his day job. He's still very happy at work.

"I'm so satisfied by the National on a creative level and actually we all are getting along very well now," he says. "What it was an escape from was the lifestyle that surrounds the National: after-show parties and bars and clubs, and just parties, parties, parties, parties."


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Aziz Ansari captures the rhythms of his generation

MASTER OF NONE, SEASON 1, EPISODE 5 (NETFLIX)

Dev (series creator and star Aziz Ansari) and a married woman (Claire Danes) are caught in flagrante by her husband Mark.

"I'm going to leave, and this time I'm leaving for good!" Mark rages to her.

Then he wheels on Dev, who is clad only in undershorts: "Why are you still here?" "I thought it might be awkward if we were in the elevator together," Dev replies. "Would you like to go first, or should I go first?" Mark stares at him in disbelief, then snaps, "Get the f— out of my house!"

I love this — Dev is nearly naked, in the middle of an emotional maelstrom he helped cause, yet his main concern is parsing the minutia of awkwardness.

All 10 episodes contain moments like that, because Ansari has a gift for capturing the rhythms and concerns of millennials, that 20-something cohort who are struggling to be authentic but on-trend, empathic but cool; are navigating a world



Master of None star and creator Aziz Ansari has made the perfect show about the minutiae of awkwardness. HANDOUT

where they have to ask permission to kiss but expect to hook up; are trying to figure out who they are while processing billions of bytes of information; and who fear awkwardness above all else.

Ansari is also first-generation American, which adds a new dilemma, proudly brown versus colour-blind.

He sums up an entire world view in, say, the search for the perfect taco ("What am I supposed to do now?" he sputters to the taco truck driver, whose wares are sold out.

"Buy the second-best tacos, like an idiot?")

It's the perfect 21st-century show.

happy face crying tears. To choose from the many types of emojis in use, Oxford University Press worked with mobile technology business SwiftKey to track the most popular symbol used around the world in 2015.

In the U.K., the happy crying face made up 20 per cent of all emojis sent in 2015, while it also made up 17 per cent of emojis used in the U.S.

That compares to four and nine per cent respectively the year before. AFP

IN BRIEF

Oxford's Word of the Year for 2015 is not a word

For the first time, the Oxford Dictionaries Word of the Year for 2015 is not a word but an emoji.

The pictograph is officially called the 'Face with tears of joy,' and shows a

Shining a light on racism in America

CONCERTS

Pharrell, Springsteen, Sia and others to participate

When Pharrell Williams signed up to perform at an all-star concert highlighting race relations in America, the multi-layered musician didn't want to "have a Kumbaya type-of-moment" on-stage with his fellow performers, as he put it.

"That's not what these communities need. They don't need another song, they need action," Williams said in an interview Monday. "And if that's accompanied by music, that's a beautiful thing."

What came from that are two specials airing on A&E on Friday. The two-hour *Shining a Light: A Concert for Progress on Race in America* — which includes Bruce Springsteen, Smokey Robinson, Ed Sheeran, Sia and John Legend — will tape Wednesday at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. It will air at 8 p.m. ET on Friday.

A one-hour special, *Shining a Light: Conversations on Race in America*, will follow at 10 p.m. ET. The special will feature conversations about racial inequality and violence in communities like Baltimore, Md. and Ferguson, Miss.

Williams visited and taped a performance earlier this month at the South Carolina church where nine black parishioners were shot and killed on June 17.

"We feel like for the first time a major network was very generous and (was) open to the concept of there being a platform for people in communities to voice their opinions and talk about their stories," said Williams, who was joined by Soledad O'Brien in Charles-

ton, S.C. "Even if they agree or disagree, they have a platform to do it in an organized way."

Alicia Keys performed in Baltimore, where protests and rioting followed in April after the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray, who died a week after he was injured in police custody. Legend visited the area where 18-year-old Michael Brown was killed last year in Ferguson and filmed a performance in St. Louis.

"I think A&E ... and everybody wanted to do the show because they were looking at a clear groundswell of activism around Black Lives Matter, a clear heightened awareness of the issue of the relationships between the black community and the police, and seeing so much unrest in the black community over the past couple years.

They wanted to do something to bring people together," Legend said Monday.

"My thought was that if we're going to bring people together, we need to have real discussions and talk about the real pain and distrust that has been deeply rooted in the American culture and American history."

A&E said tickets for the concert sold out in three hours and raised more than \$150,000 for the Fund for Progress on Race in America via The United Way Worldwide.

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REVIEW

Ford Edge lacks personality, but big on most everything else

Mike Goetz

For Metro Canada



Ford Edge was one of the pioneers of crossover land.

The territory is now teeming with contenders, but Edge has always maintained a sizable following through the years, even with the last generation model, which first debuted way back in 2006 and was showing its age.

An all-new Edge debuted for 2015 and it shows Ford knows a thing or two about building and selling mainstream crossovers. The styling is current crossover generic with a Ford face and will not alienate anybody. And through an expanded four-trim lineup (SE, SEL, Titanium, Sport), a series of well-thought-out option packages, and three engines on the menu, the Edge can be tailored to fit the needs of a lot of buyers in the "family" space.

So Ford Edge is not a niche product. But this is a good thing for midsize crossover shoppers, as it is built to deliver what everyone expects and values today in this segment, without too much fanfare and extra expense.

Moving the Edge to the current Fusion platform has raised its driving dynamics to another level. AWD models also now get "Curve Control" that automatically adjusts power and braking to maintain the right pace and

line through a corner, should you go in there a little too hot.

All models also get "paddle shifters" on the steering wheel, and they are always "active" — you don't have to first shift the transmission lever into any kind of "manual drive" position.

The more sophisticated chassis is also quieter, and more comfortable over rough roads.

The big 3.5-litre V6 in our tester pumps out a lot of torque, for effortless motoring.

Ford Edge actually debuted the ill-fated first-generation MyTouch interface. This newer version works much better, and has just the right amount of hard buttons and knobs.

Our Titanium test vehicle had the 8-inch LCD screen with SYNC. That techy piece, along with the dashboard and centre console designed to look like one piece, looks impressively modern. Luxury vehicles seem to knit their interior bits together with a bit more detail and finesse, but otherwise there is a lot to enjoy in the Edge cabin.

With a slightly longer body and no third row to worry about, the Edge has a roomy rear seating area. And there is almost 200 litres of cargo space behind those rear seats. One of Edge's best features are the rear seat backs, which can be flipped forward by the cargo-area mounted switch.

It has a wide variety of up-to-date safety features, such as 18-degree front camera, adaptive cruise with brake support, blind spot warning, park assist, a lane keeping system that steers the vehicle back into line, and inflatable rear safety belts. Overall the new Edge feels very capable, comfortable and useful.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 FORD EDGE

THE BASICS

Type. Midsize, 5-passenger, FWD/AWD crossover
Power. 245-hp 2.0-litre Turbo I4, 280-hp 3.5-litre V6, 315-hp 2.7-litre Turbo V6
Transmission. Six-speed automatic
Price. Base \$31,999 (plus destination)

NOTABLE FEATURES

- 180-degree front camera, which has its own washer cleaning system
- Advanced park assist for both perpendicular and parallel parking spaces
- Available heated and cooled front seats
- Cargo-area switch flips rear seats forward to form a virtually flat and voluminous cargo hauling space



MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO

POINTS

- All-new generation model debuted in 2015, based on current Ford Fusion platform
- Made in Canada, and first Edge model to be exported to Europe
- Stiffer and better handling chassis, fortified Sport model, and standard paddle shifters on all models nudge Edge toward more intensive driving experiences

MARKET POSITION

- Slots in the Ford crossover roster between the smaller Escape and slightly larger Explorer
- Roomy and car-like crossover, for those who don't need extreme 4X4 capabilities, towing, or three rows of seating
- New range-topping Titanium model designed to meet increasing market demand for more premium feel and features in small and midsize crossovers

THE COMPETITION



Dodge Journey
Base price: \$21,495



Toyota Highlander
Base price: \$33,355



Nissan Murano
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SEMA SHOW

Small carmaker 3D-printing its way into the history books



The Local Motors LM3D wowed at the Specialty Equipment Market Association show earlier this month. NEWSPRESS

Even at an event dedicated to customization and individual automotive style, a small company called Local Motors with just a single car on display managed to make a huge impression at this year's SEMA show.

At first glance, the LM3D Swim looks like a beach buggy. It's red, has no roof and there's even a surfboard mount. However, when you realize that it took less than four months to go from an idea to the finished product and that said product was made via Direct Digital Manufacturing (DDM) — a form of 3D printing

— then things start to get very interesting.

"In the past few months our engineers have moved from only a rendering to the car you see in front of you today," Local Motors CEO Jay Rogers said. "We are using the power of DDM to create new vehicles at a pace unparalleled in the auto industry."

Local Motors first proved the potential power of 3D printing in January when it arrived at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit without anything to display but over the course of the event live-printed

an electric vehicle, the Strati.

The LM3D Swim design came from Kevin Lo, a member of Local Motors' community of developers, makers and innovators, and was chosen from 60-plus entries.

Despite the rapid pace with which the company and its creations have already moved, meeting federal safety rules takes time. One of the LM3D Swim's aims is to accelerate the process of creating a fully homologated series of cars that meet all relevant safety standards with a view to making the first customer deliveries by 2017.

As well as crash protection, the car will also protect the environment. It has fewer components — 50 versus the 30,000+ used in a typical vehicle — and an electric motor. Then there's the scope for customization. Potential owners can quite literally personalize their vehicles inside or out with little more than the click of a mouse.

The company hopes consumers will be able to start reserving and potentially customizing their printed cars in 2016, and the finished vehicle should retail for \$53,000. AFP



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Hydrogen gets Olympic platform



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FUEL-CELL CAR

Mirai impresses, quietly, in debut

2016 Toyota Mirai hydrogen fuel-cell cars are on California roads now, and Car and Driver was among the first media outlets to test-drive the limited-production sedan, doing instrumented testing in addition to seat-of-the-pants impressions. Test drivers drove the Mirai around greater Los Angeles, stopping at several hydrogen fuelling stations along the way. About the worst thing they could say was that it's not a sports car, evidenced by its zero-to-96-km/h time of a slow-poke 9.4 seconds. Positive comments abounded, such as "pleasant," "comfortable" and "isolation-chamber quiet." Suspension, steering feel and ride quality were also favourably noted.



FUEL EFFICIENCY

The SkyActiv's the limit

Mazda says its next line of fuel-efficient SkyActiv engines could be as much as 30 per cent more frugal than the current generation of its more eco-friendly powerplants. The new engines should appear in Mazda's lineup, which includes the CX-3, pictured, by 2018, and represent the main component in the company's fuel efficiency strategy, president Masamichi Kogai told Auto Express at the recent Frankfurt Motor Show. Meanwhile, Mazda is feeling out customer interest in hybrid and electric cars, and has appointed a special team to investigate the feasibility of reviving the Wankel rotary engines that were once a Mazda calling card. An earlier promise to bring a diesel engine to the United States might now hinge on whether getting one certified here would sacrifice its performance.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Tokyo 2020 to promote hydrogen economics

The Japan government plans to showcase hydrogen-powered fuel-cell vehicles and other hydrogen technologies at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. It will spend the equivalent of about \$330 million US through 2020 on hydrogen-infrastructure projects. Hydrogen-friendly automakers such as Honda (its FCV pictured at left), Nissan and Toyota reportedly will underwrite some of those costs. Authorities are counting on the economies of scale brought by more hydrogen filling stations and "tens of thousands" more hydrogen cars on the roads to lower hydrogen-related costs between now and the Games.

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Estrada happy to return to the Blue Jays' nest

The 28-year-old Crawford batted .256 with 21 homers and 84 RBIs.

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IN BRIEF

Swede Euro dreams for Ibrahimovic after double

Sweden earned a ticket to the 2016 European Championship after drawing with Denmark 2-2 in the second-leg playoff on Tuesday.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored both to put Sweden 2-0 ahead, and though Denmark's Yussuf Poulsen and Jannik Vestergaard replied in the last 20 minutes, the Swedes advanced 4-3 on aggregate. After a strong start by the Danes, Ibrahimovic heeled in a flat corner kick in the 20th.

The PSG man added a second on a free kick in the 77th. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Draw enough for Ukraine to make championships

Ukraine beat Slovenia 3-1 on aggregate to qualify, via a playoff, for the European Championship next year, after a 1-1 draw on Tuesday.

It is the first time Ukraine has successfully qualified for a European Championship, although it received an automatic place as co-host nation in 2012.

Captain Bostjan Cesar fired up Slovenian hopes when he headed home in the 11th minute off Valter Birsa's cross but Andriy Yarmolenko made sure of qualification for Ukraine with a cool finish late on. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cotto stripped of title ahead of Alvarez clash

Miguel Cotto has lost his piece of the middleweight title even before his fight Saturday night with Canelo Alvarez.

The WBC said Tuesday it has stripped Cotto of the title for not agreeing to the organization's rules, which reportedly included paying a sanctioning fee to the organization in return for the WBC title being at stake in the middleweight showdown. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Federer shows he's still got it by ending Djokovic's run

TENNIS

World No. 1 was unbeaten in 15 at ATP, Swiss ace easily won

Even the best player in the world can have an off day, especially when he's playing someone many believe is the best of all time.

Roger Federer brought his top game to the O2 Arena on Tuesday, stopping Novak Djokovic's ATP Finals winning streak at 15 by beating the top-seeded Serb 7-5, 6-2.



Novak Djokovic, left, and Roger Federer on a break at the ATP Finals. GETTY IMAGES

"I wouldn't have picked it maybe before the tournament, just because of his really good record on the indoors, the year he's had," said Federer, who lost to Djokovic in the Wimbledon and U.S. Open finals. "But then again, all day I felt good about my chances."

The win put Federer in the semifinals of the season-ending tournament for the 13th time in 14 appearances.

Djokovic, who has already clinched the year-end No. 1 ranking, had not lost at the ATP Finals since 2011, winning the last three elite titles for the top eight players in the world. But Federer was strong Tuesday, as he usually is on an indoor hard court.

The six-time champion broke Djokovic in the final game of the first set, and again early in the second. Although Djokovic broke right back, Federer regained the lead a short time later and won the final four games.

"Yeah, you have those days as well, when you are not feeling your best," Djokovic said. "Credit to Roger for mixing up the pace, giving me always a different ball. He used the slice and spin very wisely. He served very efficiently."

"I made a lot of unforced errors. Just handed him the win." On Sunday, Feder-



Roger Federer reaches for a forehand against Novak Djokovic at ATP World Tour Finals in England. CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

er beat Tomas Berdych, giving him a 2-0 record this week. He will still play Kei Nishikori on Thursday in the final round-robin match. Djokovic beat Nishikori in his first match, and will face Berdych on Thursday for a spot in the semifinals.

Djokovic has been the best player in tennis all year, winning three Grand Slam titles and losing the other in the final at the French Open. In beating

I made a lot of unforced errors. Just handed him the win.

Novak Djokovic

Federer at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, he won his ninth and 10th major titles. In the early

match, Nishikori's 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Berdych came down to one point.

With the score even at 3-3 in the third set, the sixth-seeded Berdych had his third break point of the match — after converting the previous two — but he put a backhand into the net after a long rally. Nishikori is 1-1 after losing to Djokovic on Sunday, and he still has to face Federer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOPING INVESTIGATION

WADA: Hard to put timeline on Russia probe

The man in charge of the IAAF's probe into Russia's track team says there's no way to put a timeline on how long the investigation might take.

Norwegian anti-doping expert Rune Andersen, who is in charge of a five-person inspection panel, attended the World Anti-Dop-

ing Agency's meeting in Colorado on Tuesday. With the Rio Olympics less than nine months away, Andersen said there was no way of knowing when the investigation would be complete.

"Whether it's one month, two months or a year, it's impossible to say," Andersen said.

The IAAF provisionally suspended the Russian track team

after an independent committee appointed by WADA detailed corruption on the team and in the country's anti-doping program.

The Russian government and International Olympic Committee recently outlined a plan to bring the track team back into compliance, but no time frame has been confirmed.

On Monday, a group of anti-

doping leaders said the team should not be allowed to compete because there's no way to completely ensure the program and its athletes are clean in a nine-month window.

The IAAF has jurisdiction over the Russian track team's return.

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- 1 cup shaved cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups shaved Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 cup frozen chopped kale
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup of bread crumbs

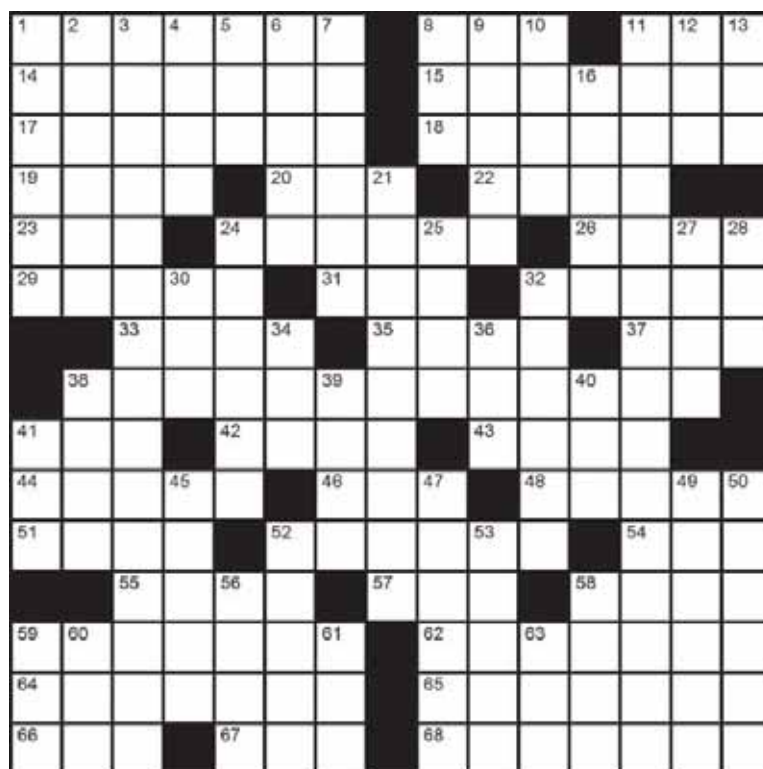
Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. In a medium size saucepan, melt butter over medium low heat. Add flour and whisk.
3. Cook pasta according to package directions.
4. Add chicken stock and milk and allow to simmer for 5 minutes so mixture can slowly thicken, stirring occasionally. Lower heat and add mustard, cheddar and 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese. Mix until cheeses have melted and mustard is combined. Add kale, nutmeg and salt; stir until warmed and mixed together, about 2 minutes.
5. Place cooked pasta into medium size casserole dish and mix in cheese sauce, being sure to coat all the pasta. Sprinkle the top with the remaining Monterey Jack cheese and then top with bread crumbs. Bake for 30 minutes, or until cheese sauce is bubbling and edges are a golden brown.

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22. Peril
23. "Take _ _ insist."
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29. Like a twangy voice
31. Member of Parliament, e.g.
32. Found out
33. House, in Hamburg
35. Radar's grape drink on "M*A*S*H"
37. Rob Roy's refusal
38. Margaret Atwood's latest book, The _ _ _
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43. 'N' of CSNY _
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46. Medical pros
48. Lasso



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52. Island of Italy
54. Job seeker's submission, for short
55. Spoken
57. Aussie animal
58. Pres. Lincoln's
59. Dried fruit, often

62. Upgrade
64. Forestall
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4. The Smurfs creator
5. Non-verbal communication syst.
6. Forged material
7. Even chance
8. _ gallery
9. Title romantic

- comedy role for Billy Crystal
10. Jai's friend
11. Village on Random Island in Newfoundland: 2 wds.
12. "Eww."
13. Definite article
16. Happen as a result
21. Articulate
24. Short write-ups
25. "Full Metal Jacket" (1987) actor, _ _ Erney
27. Army _ (Military kid)
28. Lyric poem
30. US motorists org.
32. "Million Dollar Baby" (2004) star Ms. Swank
34. MLB's Cardinals, on scoreboards
36. QVC rival on American TV
38. Winter coat part
39. Ms. Halliwell (Ex-Spice Girl)
40. " _ _ was saying..."
41. Vitality
45. High nest, variantly
47. Figure of speech
49. Plasmas and LCDs, fun-style spelling
50. Evaluate
52. Alpine sight
53. Measure of light
56. Wile E. Coyote's supplier
58. Jason's craft
59. Fitting
60. For
61. Final amt.
63. B.C.'s ocean

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't look back and wonder what might have been — look forward and create a bright new future. Any regrets you still have must be dealt with, then forgotten once and for all.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21
You seem to be plagued by self-doubt. Why? Snap out of it because there is serious work to be done. You are more sensitive than usual but don't let that paralyze you.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21
The more others say bad things about you the more certain you can be that your actions are having the desired effect. You must not back down. Let others know that you will not be cowed into silence.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23
You may be in the mood to change things but don't make changes that are not necessary. Focus on your home situation before turning your attention to anything else.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Stick to the rules today because if you try to cut corners the powers that be will come down on you hard. Not everyone shares your cavalier approach to getting things done.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Do not allow yourself to be seduced by people who have a way with words — it will inevitably lead to some kind of loss, most likely financial. You don't need advice. Deep down you already know the answers.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't be distracted by things that take you away from the path you should be on. There will be time for fun and games later on, when the serious stuff has been done.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
It may be in your power to take what you desire but it is not in your long-term interests. If there is something you want but cannot attain through fair means, it may be a sign that you are not supposed to have it.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't get so caught up in other people's woes that you start feeling depressed. Steer clear of negative people and focus on the good — plenty of which is coming your way.

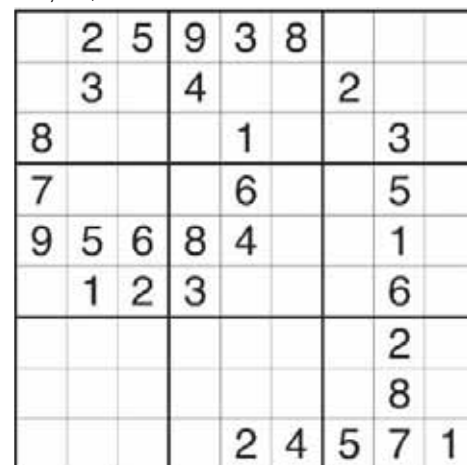
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It would be wise to keep certain thoughts and opinions to yourself. If you cannot say something that everyone can agree with it might be best not to say anything at all.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Some people are stuck in their own way of seeing things and logic and common sense seem alien to them, but that's life. Make allowances for those who do not share your ability to see both sides of the story.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If you're having second thoughts about something then stop. See which way fate points you next week. The Sun's change of signs could lead to changes in your goals.

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